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**RE: Pre-Application Notification Letter  
In the matter of the Letter of Notification Application of AEP Ohio  
Transmission Company, Inc. for a Certificate of Environmental  
Compatibility and Public Need for the Rhodes Station Project  
Case No. 17-0805-EL-BLN**

Dear Ms. McNeal:

AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. (“AEP Ohio Transco”) files this pre-application notification letter for the above-referenced Project pursuant to Rule 4906-6-03(A) of the Ohio Administrative Code.

AEP Ohio Transco proposes the Rhodes Station Project (“Project”), which is located in Coal Township, Jackson County, Ohio. The Project will be constructed as a three-circuit ring bus configuration at 138 kV, with a 138/69kV transformer to send power to the new Heppner Switch Station that is the subject of Case No. 17-0806-EL-BLN. Rhodes Station is being established as a result of a PJM single contingency criteria violation after the connection of the new City of Jackson delivery point (Ironman Switching Station) to the Lick-Ross 69kV circuit. Rhodes Station will supply a third transmission source into the Lick-Ross 69kV circuit via a new 138/69kV transformer, alleviating the PJM criteria violation. The Project will be located on an approximately 4.5-acre parcel of land to be purchased by AEP Ohio Transco.

AEP Ohio Transco anticipates that construction of the Project will begin in late first quarter 2018. The anticipated in-service date for the Project is approximately third quarter 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Christen M. Blend

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Summary: Notification In the matter of the pre-application notification letter for the Rhodes Station Project electronically filed by Ms. Christen M. Blend on behalf of AEP Ohio Transmission Power Company, Inc.